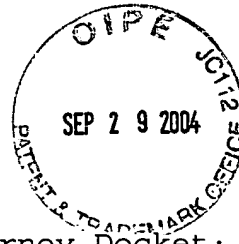


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Early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further suggestions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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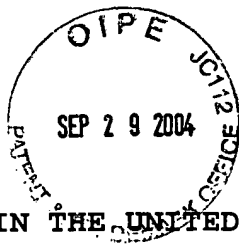
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I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT A for U.S. Application No. 10/721,369 filed November 25, 2003, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Attn: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **September 27, 2004**.

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In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on June 28, 2004, having a date for response of September 28, 2004, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks, and requests reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.